

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 860

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Harold Montgomery on the
occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those persons who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Harold Montgomery is one such estimable person who has served with probity for 30 years with the Jackson Area Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependency; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable man committed his efforts to the JACOA as a member in 1964; he began his meritorious career in February of 1970 as a valued staff member; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, he became the Executive Director of the praiseworthy organization; his astute management skills, professional excellence, dedication to hard work, and commitment to quality service have made Mr. Montgomery an expert leader for the council; and

WHEREAS, the JACOA serves 20 West Tennessee counties and is equipped to handle inpatient and outpatient services, preventative services, drug testing, continuing care and counseling services; and

WHEREAS, Harold Montgomery has ably led the council throughout his esteemed tenure; the group also operates Montgomery Hall, a facility for men who have completed

treatment in a licensed alcohol or drug treatment program and who need to live in a sober environment; and

WHEREAS, a truly humble man, Mr. Montgomery credits his outstanding staff of 50 part-time counselors, a licensed nurse, and assistant nurse for much of the council's success; and

WHEREAS, Harold Montgomery and his staff have provided services with compassion, to ensure that everyone receives the care they need regardless of their ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, he was instrumental in securing contributions from local governments and agencies to keep the council operating at a highly proficient level; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Montgomery is an active and important part of the community and his profession, and participates in numerous civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his commitments to JACO, Mr. Montgomery answered the call to the ministry in 1956 and completed his studies at the seminary in 1960; and

WHEREAS, combining his life's passions and work, Mr. Montgomery plans to visit area churches during his retirement to encourage them to assist rehabilitation programs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Montgomery exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Harold Montgomery has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their potential, winning the respect and admiration of those fortunate enough to know him; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we extend to Mr. Harold Montgomery our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.